



Safety Alert: Self Critical Analysis
No. A-2000-19
September 12, 2000

BNSF Safety Vision
We believe every accident or injury is preventable. Our vision is that
Burlington Northern Santa Fe will operate free of accidents and
injuries.

Employee Fatally Injured

Date and Location of Accident/Incident: August 28, 2000 4:05 p.m. Villa, Texas

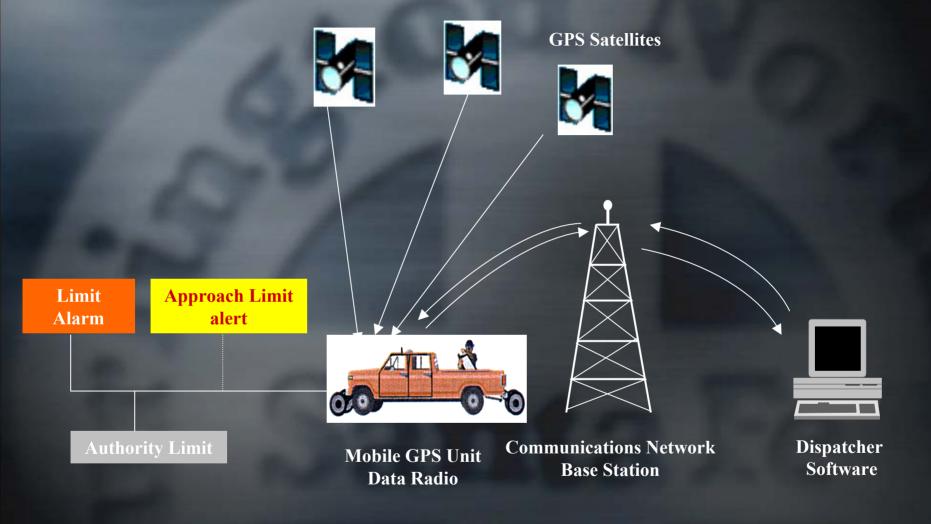
Description of Accident/Incident:

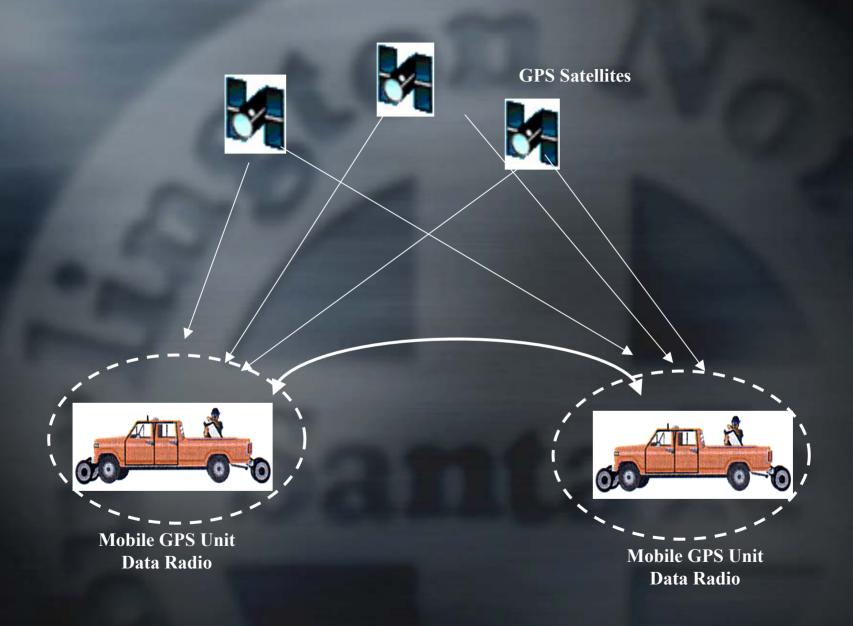
While a passenger in a hi-rail vehicle with a track supervisor, a 47-year-old welding supervisor was fatally injured after a vehicle/locomotive collision. The point of impact was on the main line approximately 5 miles outside of the limits of the track authority issued to the hi-rail operator/track supervisor.

The train crew on board the east bound local freight, traveling at approximately 45 mph, spotted the hi-rail stopped on the main line approximately 200 feet prior to impact. The operator was able to jump clear but the welding supervisor was unable to exit the vehicle before impact

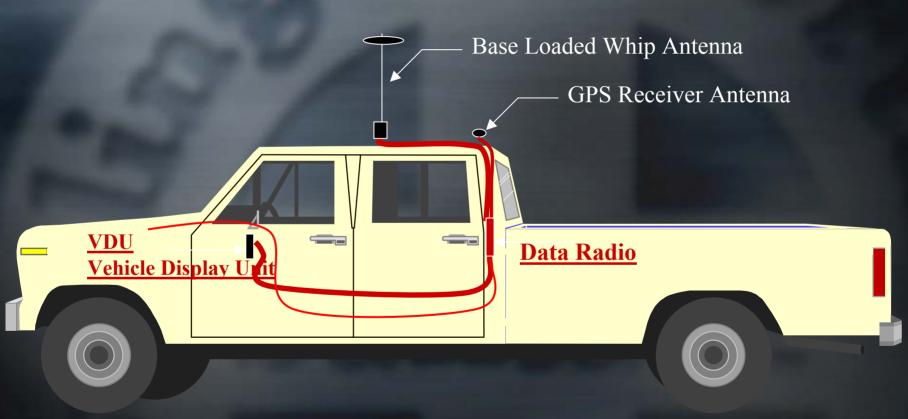


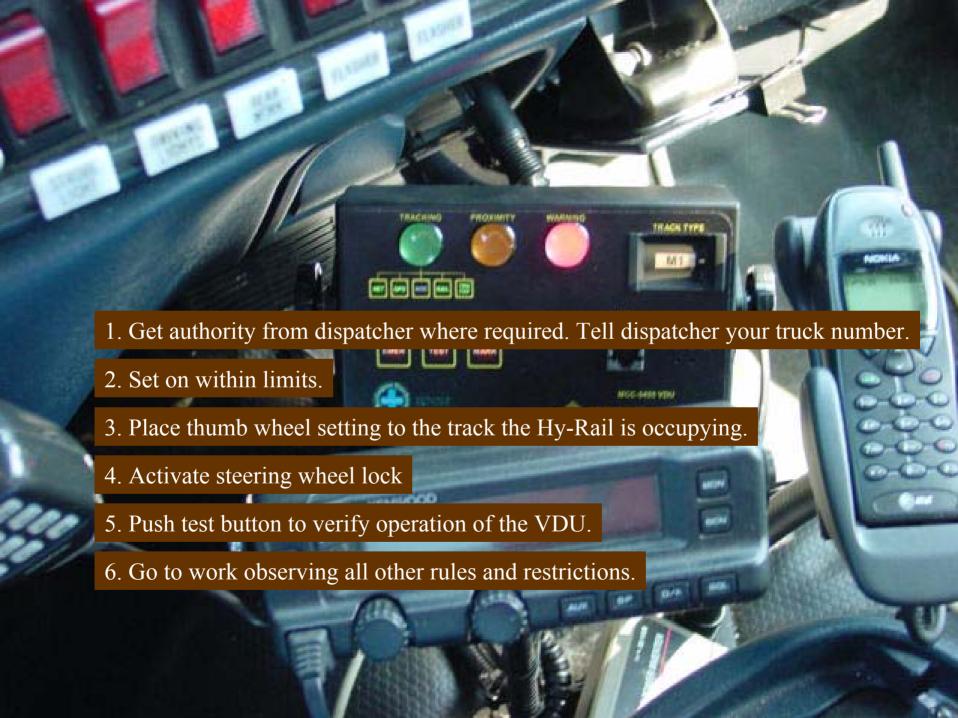
HLCS IS A SAFETY OVERLAY. This system will not replace any rule set currently in place!





Vpical Vehicle Installation







The TRACKING LED provides immediate confirmation to the vehicle operator that the system is functioning and the vehicle is being tracked.



The NET status LED indicates the status of the radio communications link between the base station tower and the vehicle. If the NET LED turns OFF, indicating the vehicle is not within range of any base station tower the TRACKING LED also turns OFF.



The GPS status LED indicates the status of the GPS receiver located inside the data radio located on the vehicle. Causes of a GPS interruption could be a B/O receiver inside the truck or not receiving satellite information. Poor satellite coverage or environmental conditions such as an overpass can block satellite reception.



The NOC status LED indicates the status of the office-to-vehicle communications link. This confirms to the operator that the office is actively tracking the Hy-Rail vehicle.



The RAIL status LED indicates the status of the Hy-Rail vehicle. It automatically turns ON when the vehicle is on the track, which is indicated to the VDU via a relay contact closure in the steering wheel lock mechanism.



The TRK TYPE status LED indicates that the TRACK TYPE thumb wheel switch is set to any position except NA.



The TRK TYPE status LED will flash at every access point to the main track when the Track Type thumb wheel is in N/A or S. This flash along with a reminding "chirp" will alert the operator to check the thumb wheel setting.



The PROXIMITY LED turns AMBER whenever another equipped unit is operating within its respective PROXIMITY radius.



The WARNING LED serves 2 purposes:

- 1. The WARNING LED turns AMBER whenever the vehicle is within 1 mile of its track limit. A pulsating audio alarm is also sounded.
- 2. The WARNING LED turns RED whenever the vehicle exceeds its authorized limits. A continuous audible alarm is also sounded.

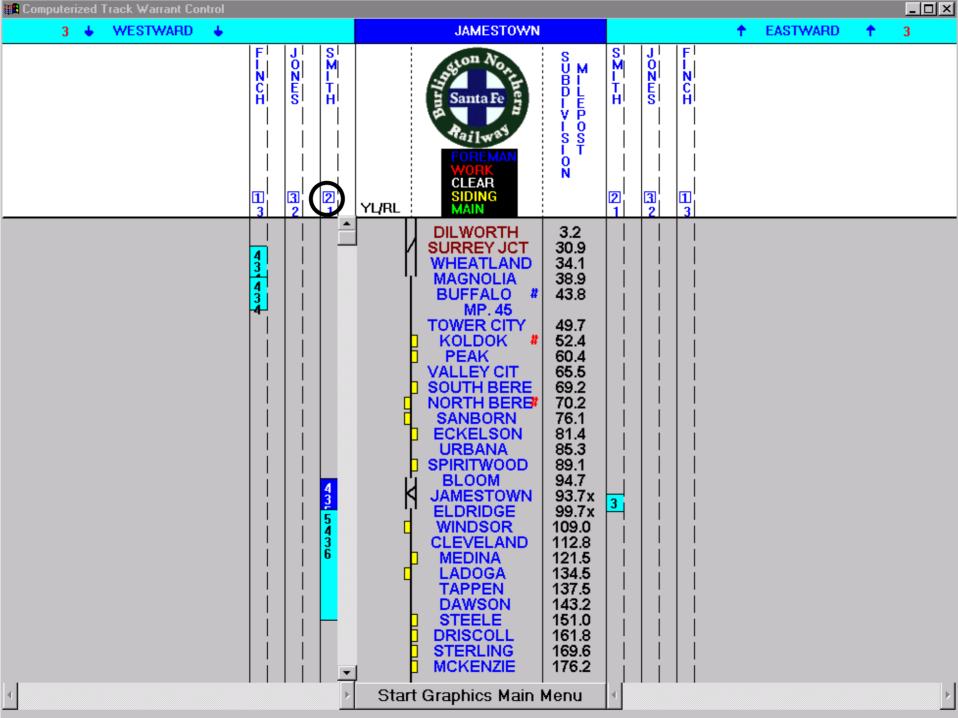


The TRACK TYPE thumb wheel selection switch provides the means by which the Hy-Rail operator tells the office of the current track on which the vehicle is running. The possible settings are S, M, M5, M4, M3, M2, M1, and N/A.



TRAIN / FOREMAN SUPPLY SHEET

Dispatcher:	AAA DIG	CKINSON SUBDIVISI	MAY 24 2001						
Туре:	FOREMAN	Foreman:	SMITH	Unit ID:	N/A				
Train ID:	N/A	Vehicle ID:	96056						
Name:	FOREMAN SMITH		Additional GPS Ve	Additional GPS Vehicles					
		Foreman2:	,	Vehicle ID2:					
		Foreman3:		Vehicle ID3:					
Origin:	MANDAN			Destination:	GLENDIVE				
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Tracking screens enable authorized users to identify the exact location of on track equipment.

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	UNIDENTIFIED	12121		JAMEST	46.20	10:31:20C	W	10	M	NA		
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Limits Tracking										
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M2

Operating without HLGS



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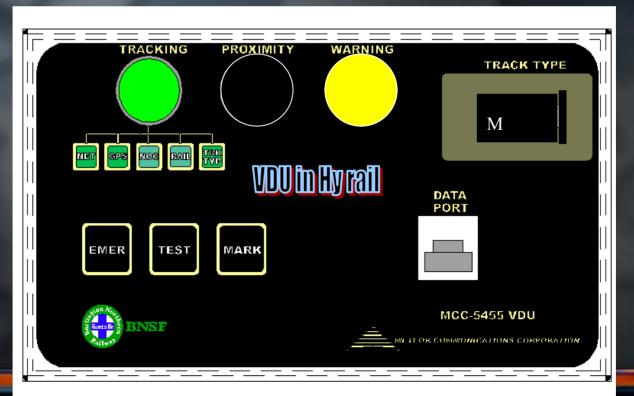
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M2







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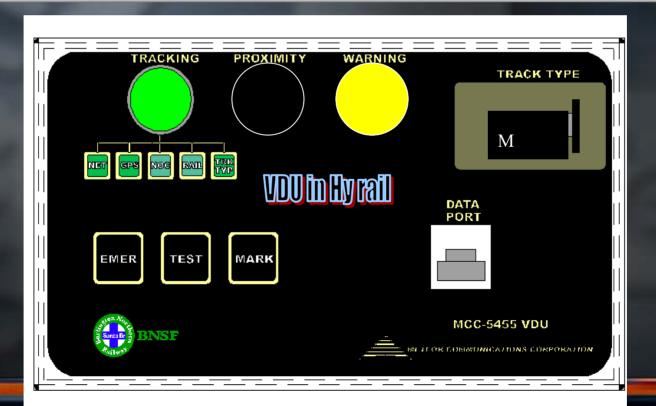
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Foreman Veh Id TW Subdiv Milepost Rpt Dir Spd Trk
Time GPS/Whl/TW





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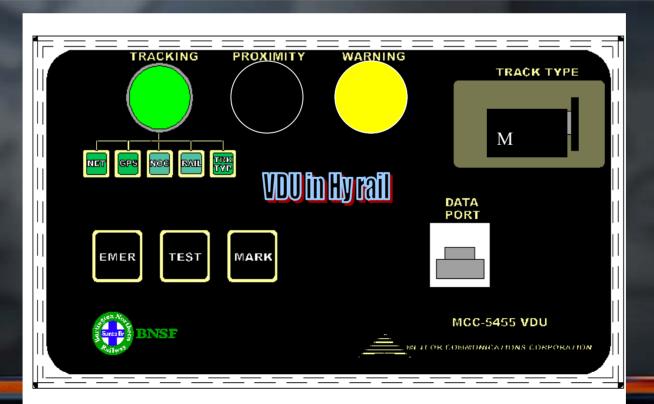
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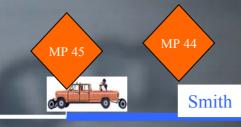
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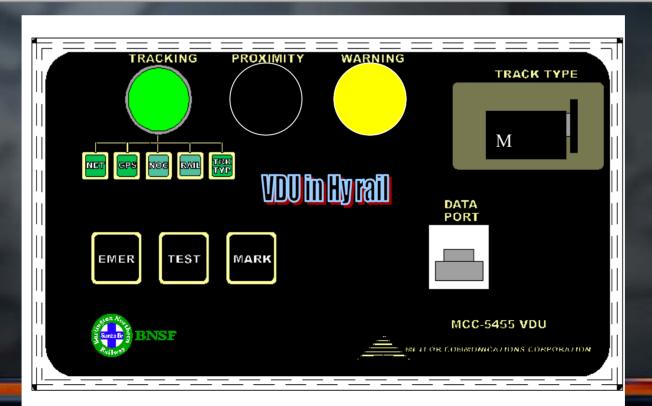
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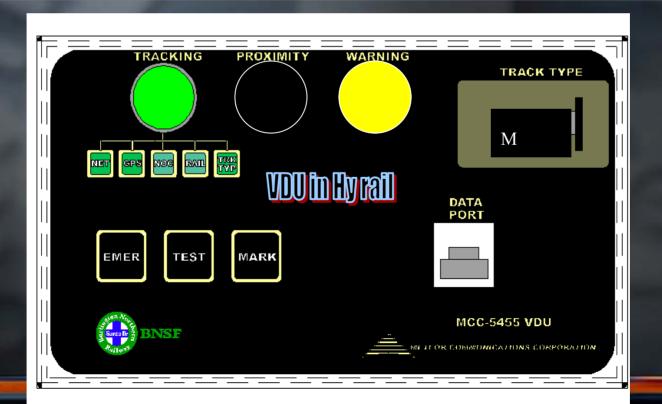
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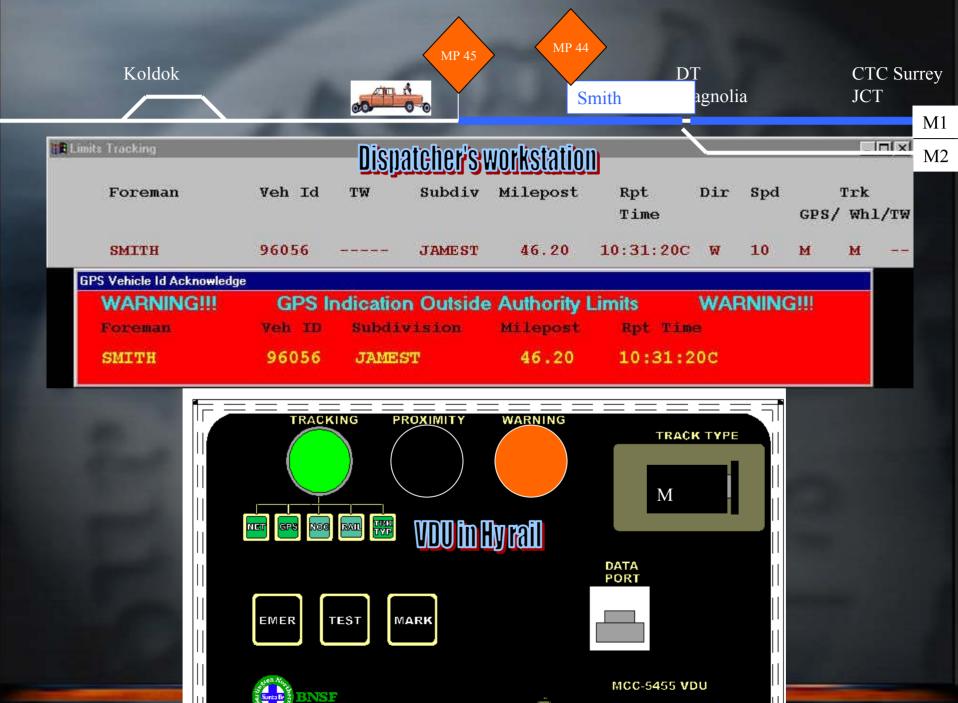
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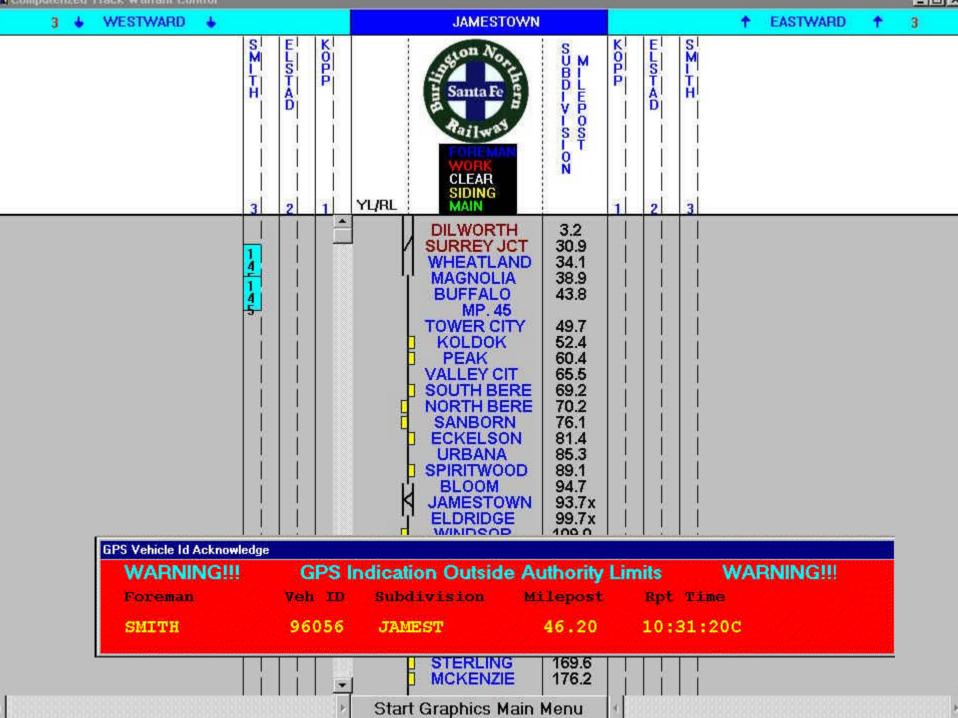
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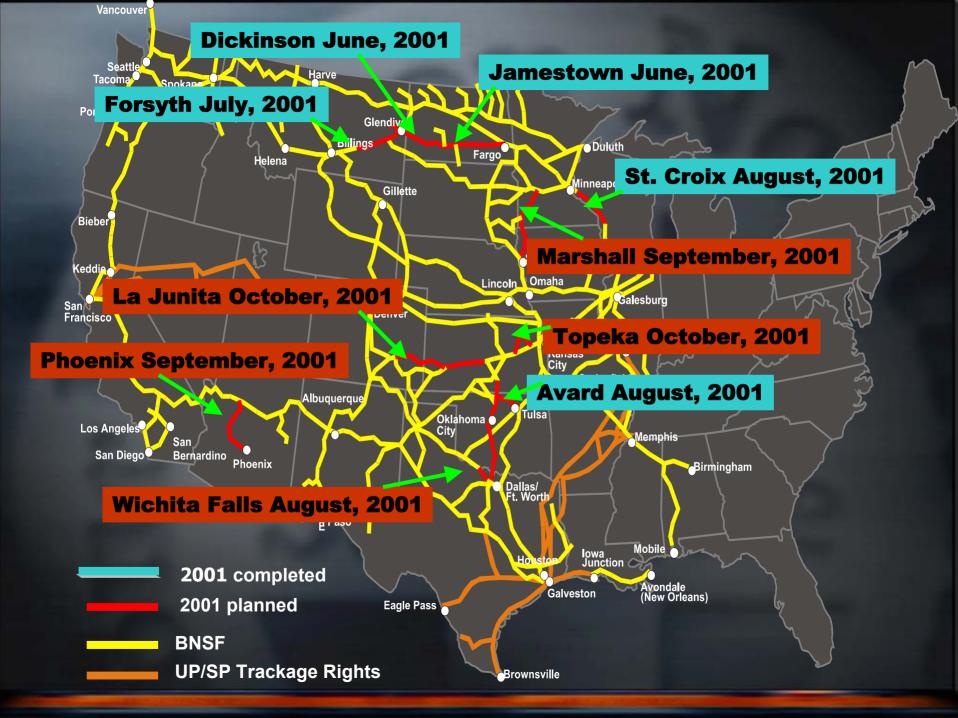
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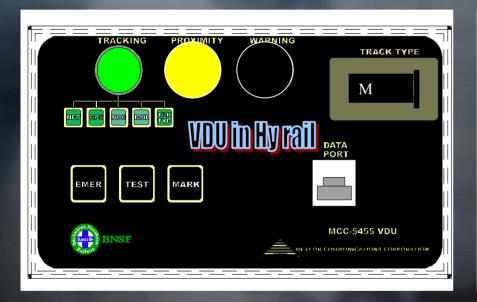


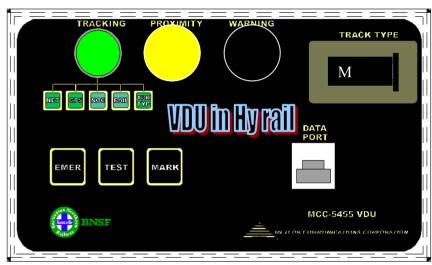




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Future HLCS uses

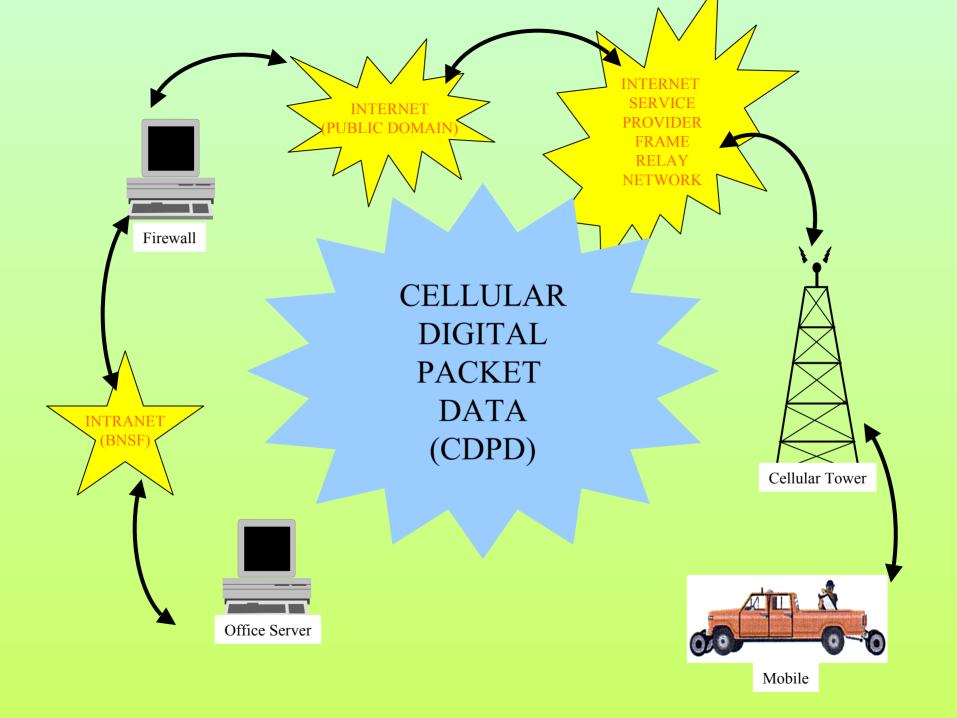
- •CTC limits compliance
- On board authority delivery
- Locomotive limits compliance
 - •Emergency notification
 - •Mark button capability





Benefits

- Access to information traditionally available only to Dispatcher
- Extends vision and planning horizon of mobile personnel
 - Train location
 - Authorities
 - Observe potential maintenance windows
- Reduces Dispatcher conversations
 - Automates authority issuance
 - Increases safety by eliminating radio language exchange errors
 - Allows mobile to request, receive, and release authority without using voice communications



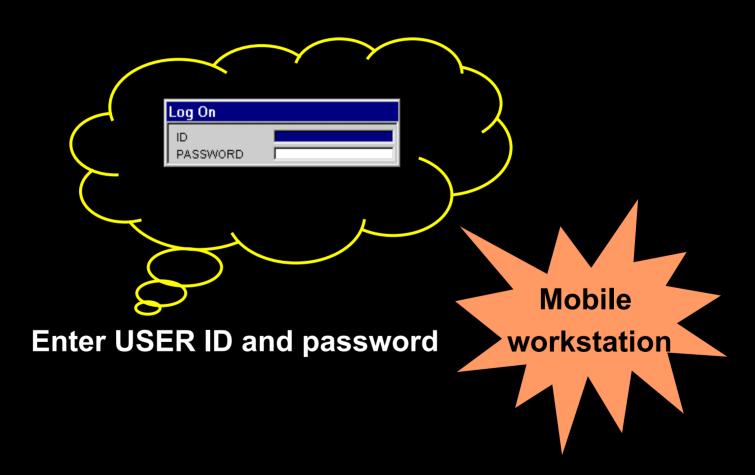
Security

- System
 - CDPD encodes data in Digital Packets
 - Forward error correction
 - Encryption
- Workstation
 - Wireless workstation must have exchange node privileges
- User
 - Log on/ off password protection
 - Authority exchanger privileges granted to user (valid ID)
 - Authority ID of user must match user ID to use the system

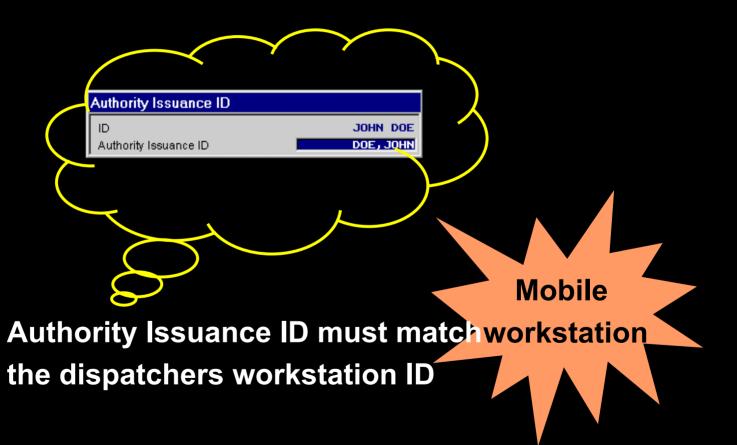
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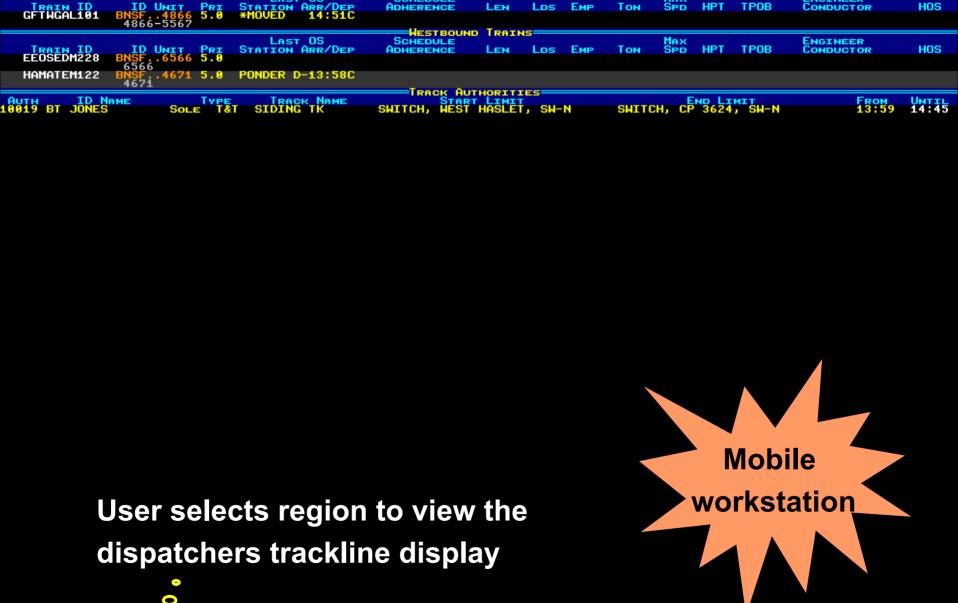
- → Mobile request of authority
- → Dispatcher granting authority
- → Dispatcher rejecting requested authority
- → Electronic field release of authority











TABULAR OVERVIEW

Los

EASTBOUND TRAINS

ADHERENCE

LAST OS STATION ARR/DEP *MOVED 14:51C

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GPS 8/03/01 14:01:38

HOS

ENGINEER

CONDUCTOR

TPOB

Digital Traffic Control/5

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Menu Region Preferences

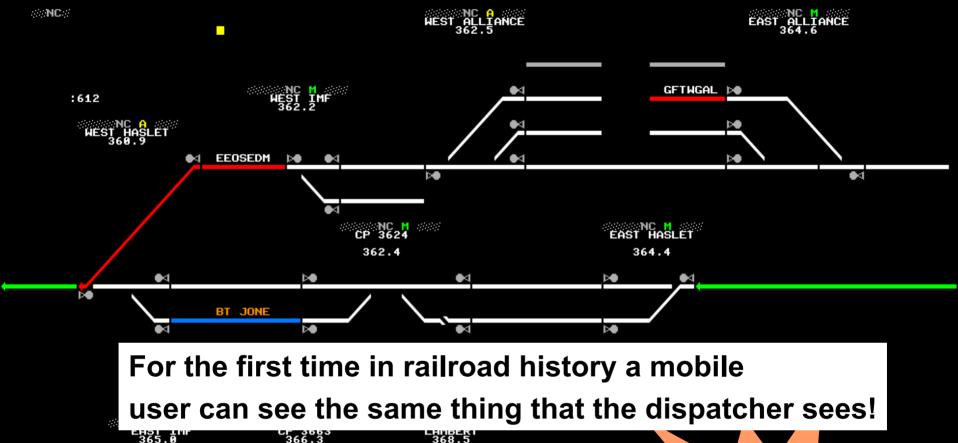




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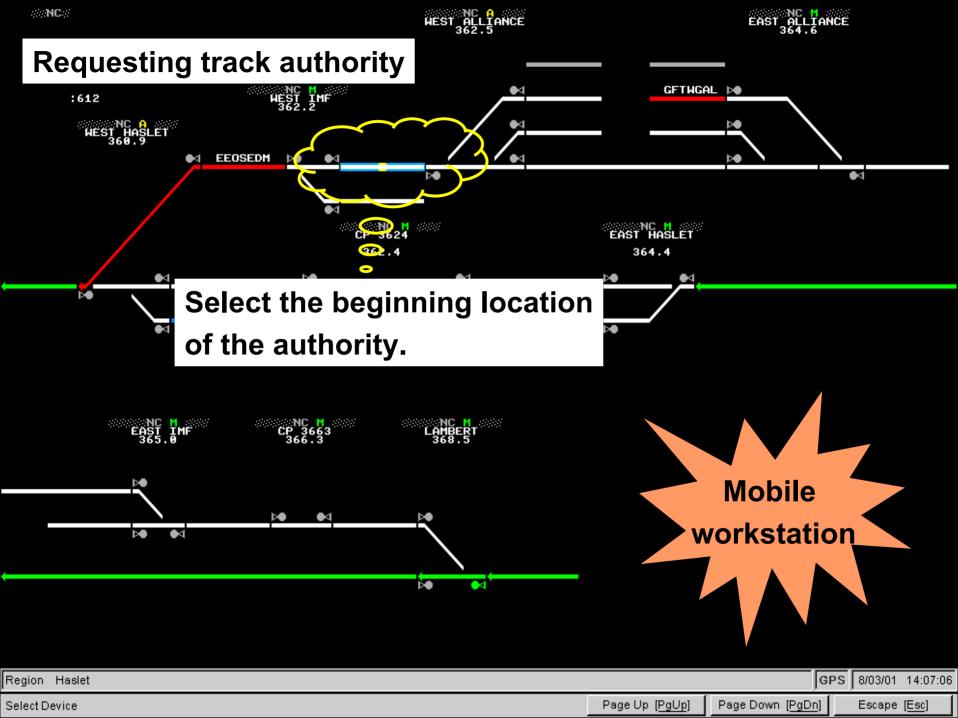


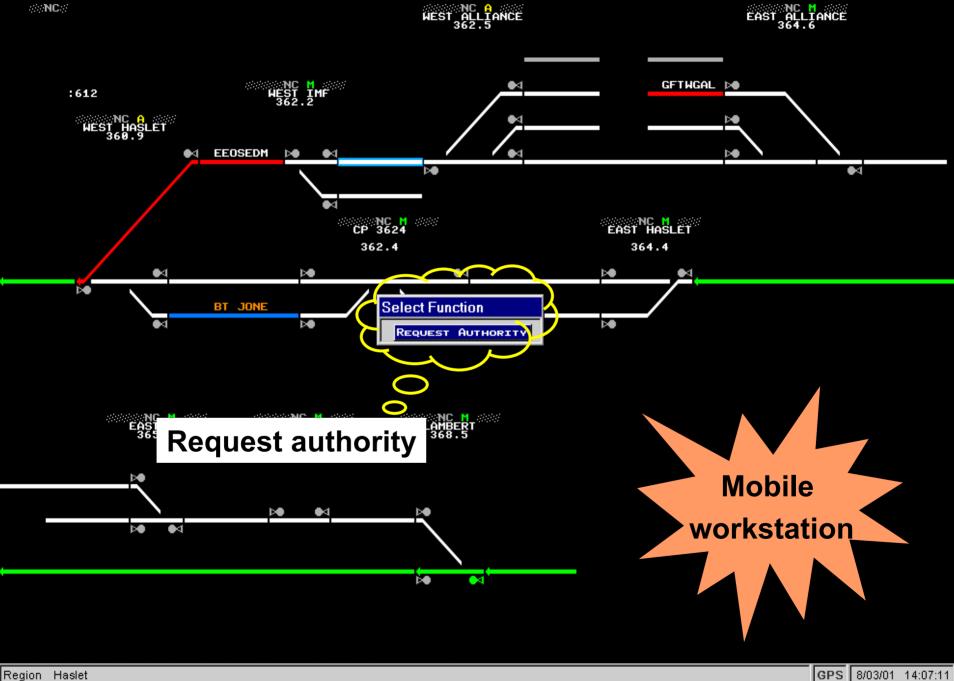
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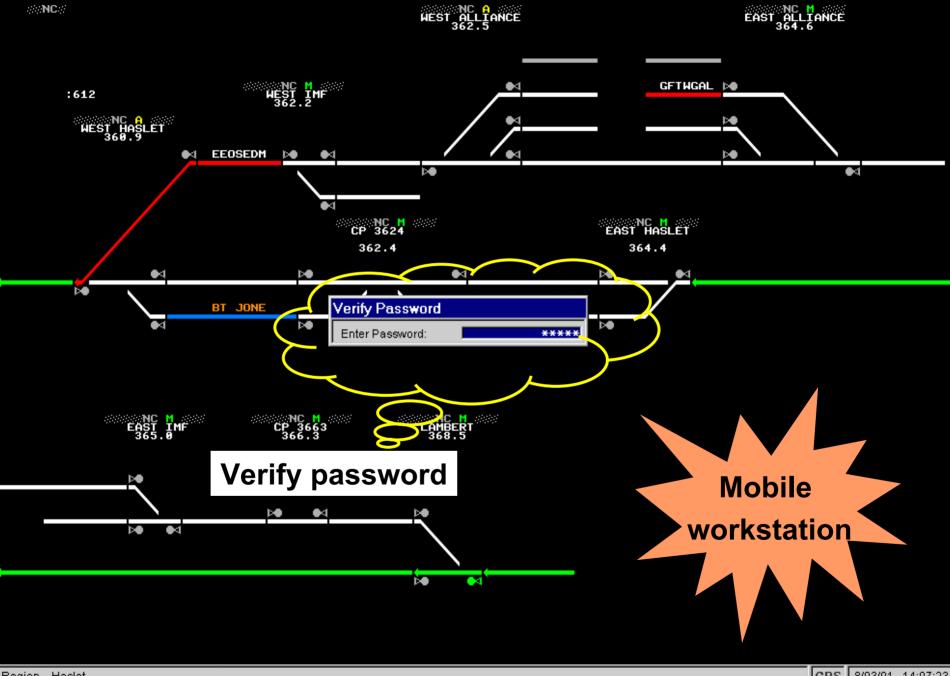


The mobile user can see where potential work windows are based on train locations. Now the user can request authority.

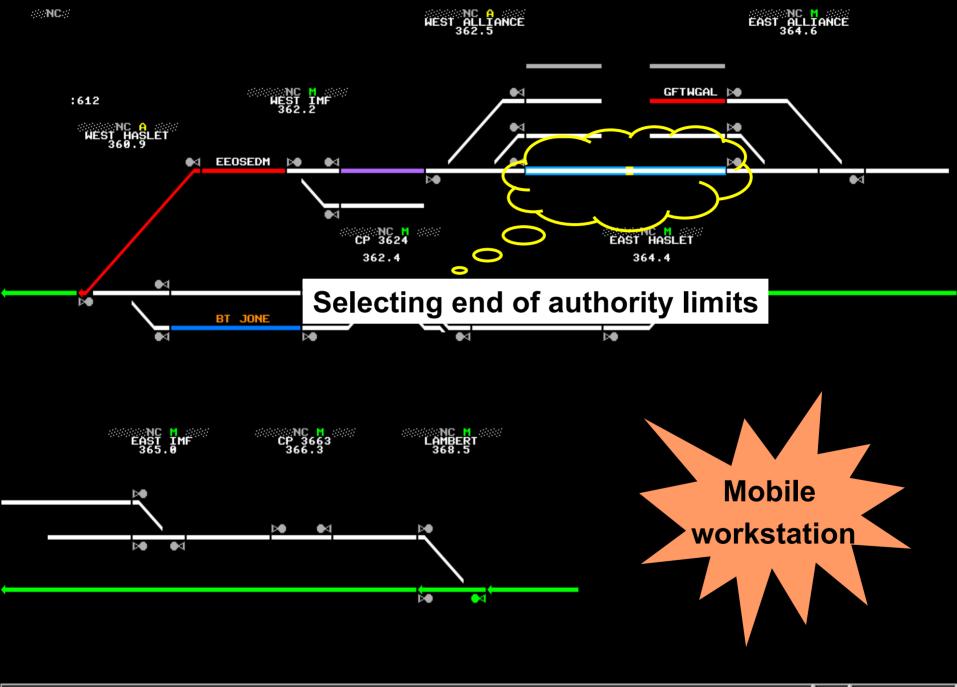
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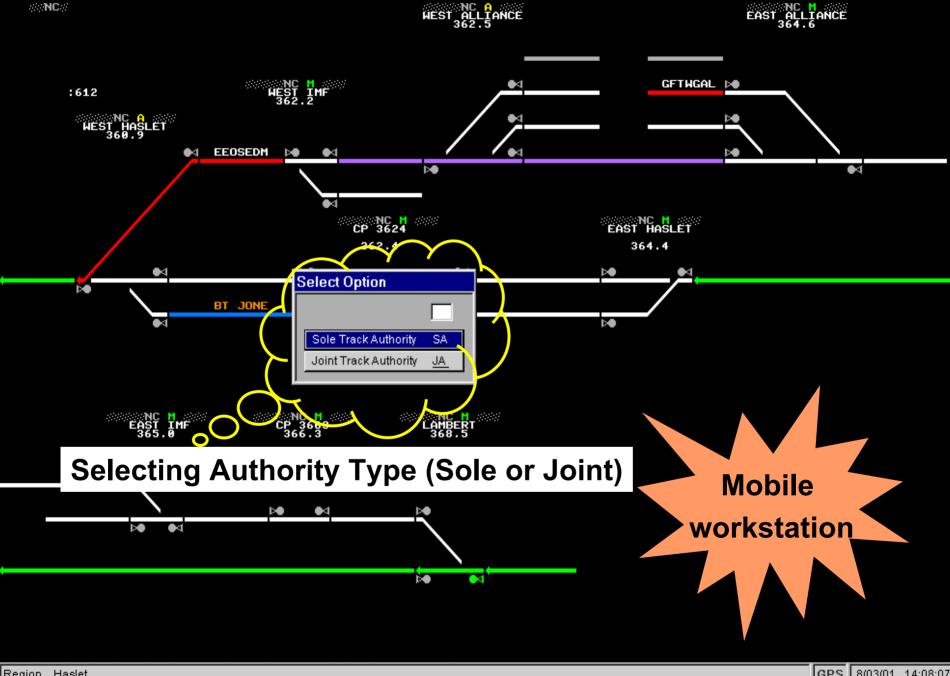




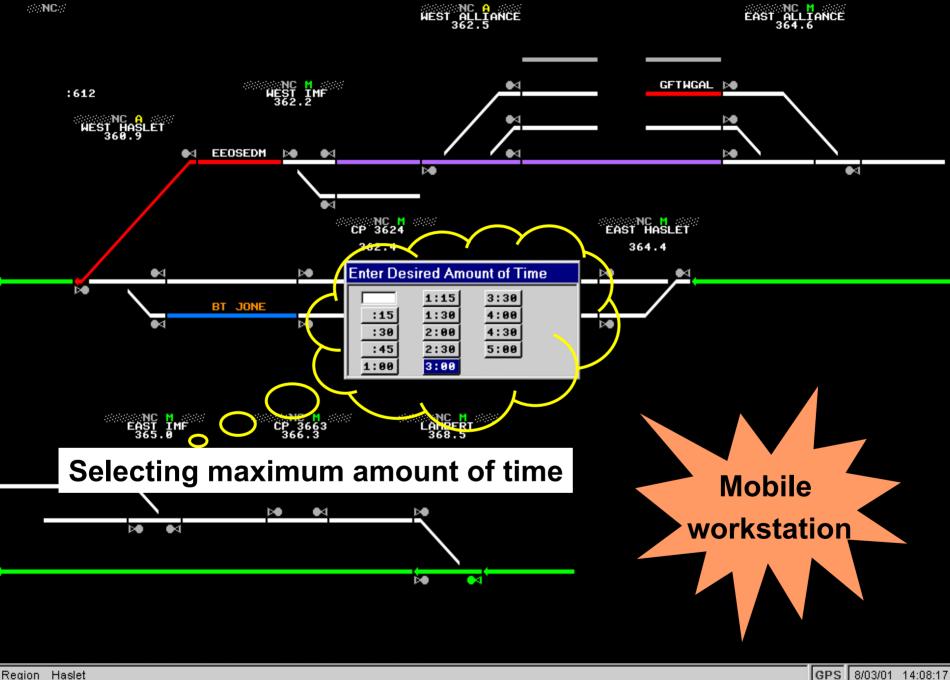


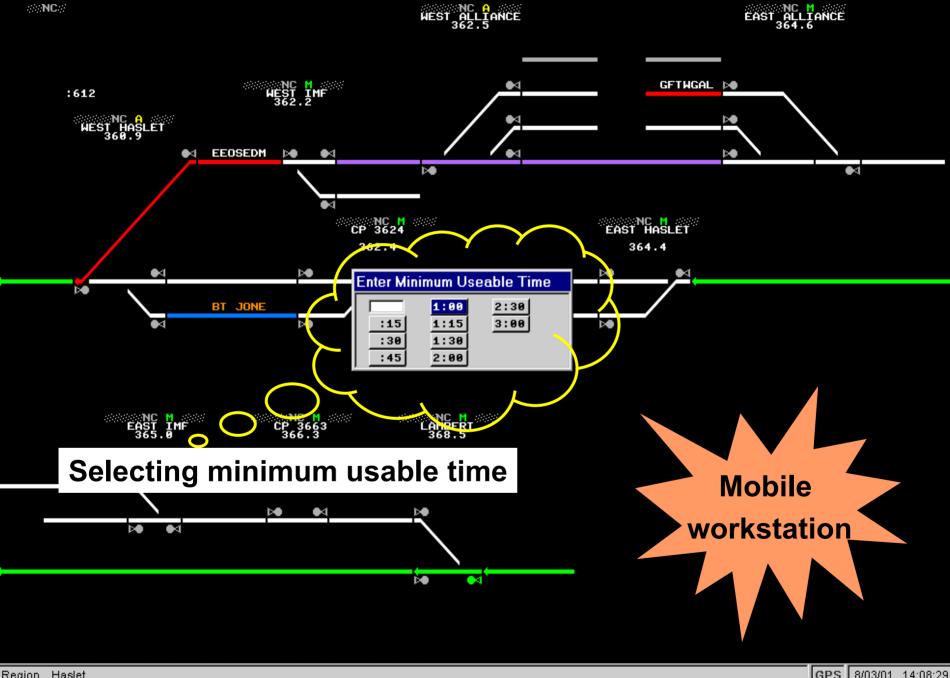
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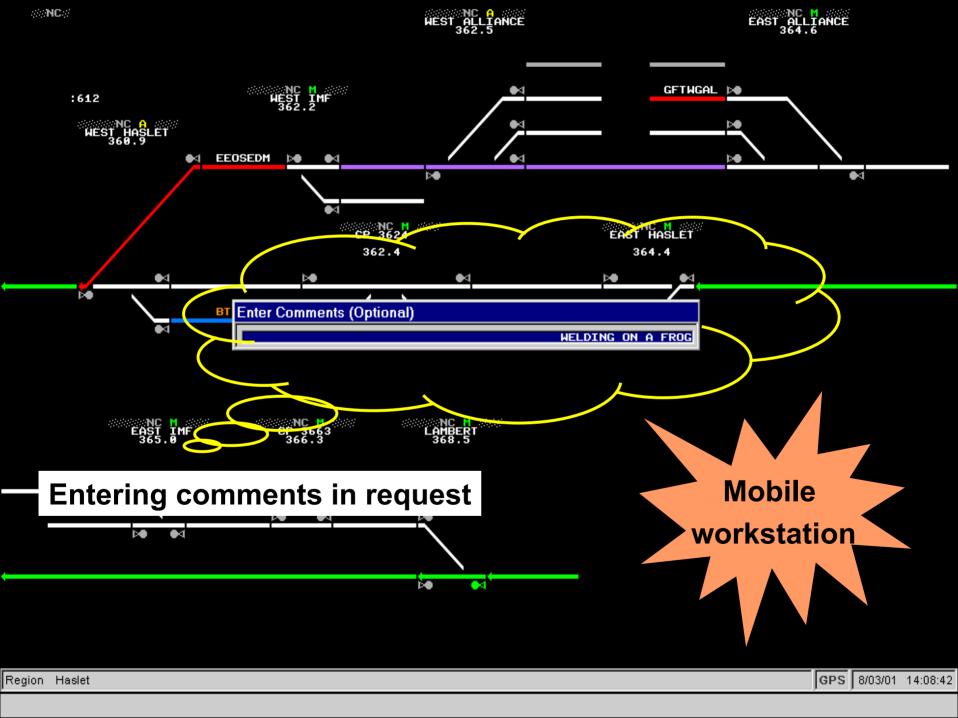


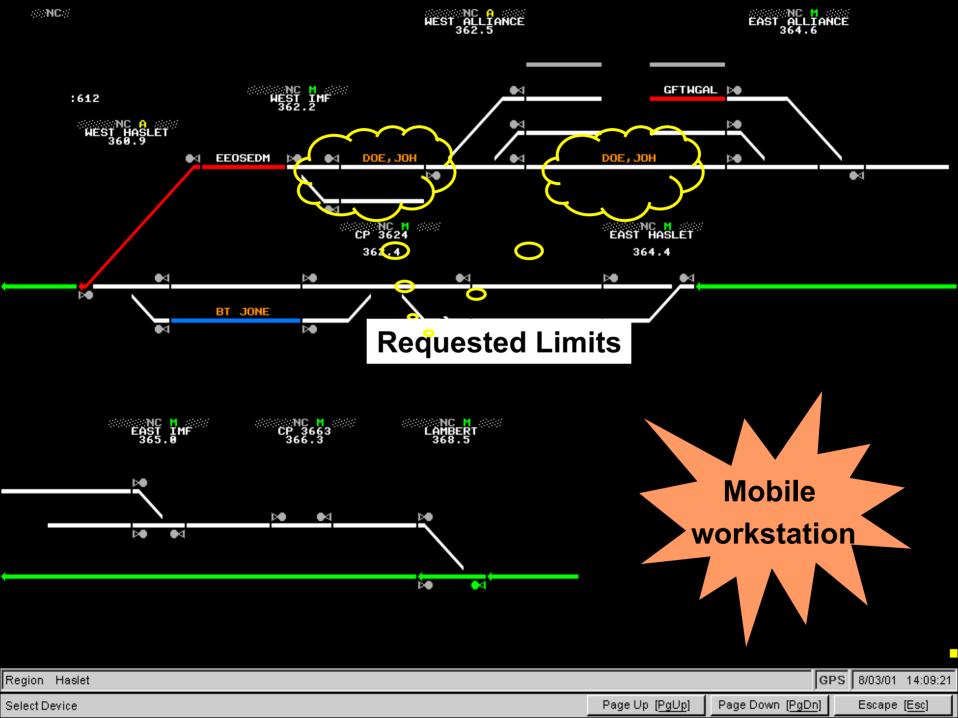


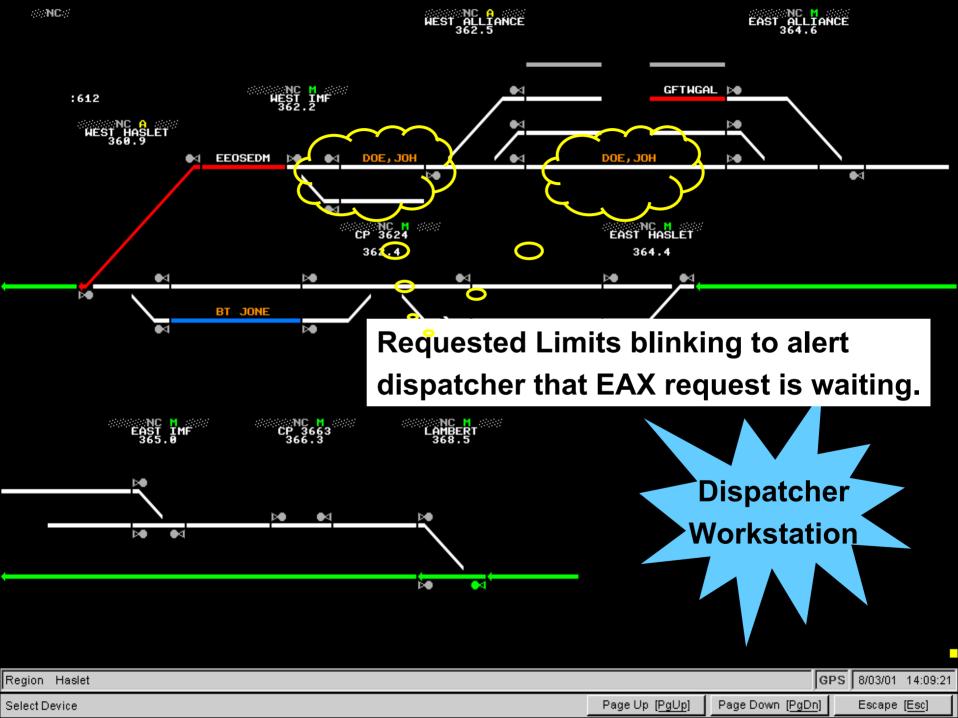
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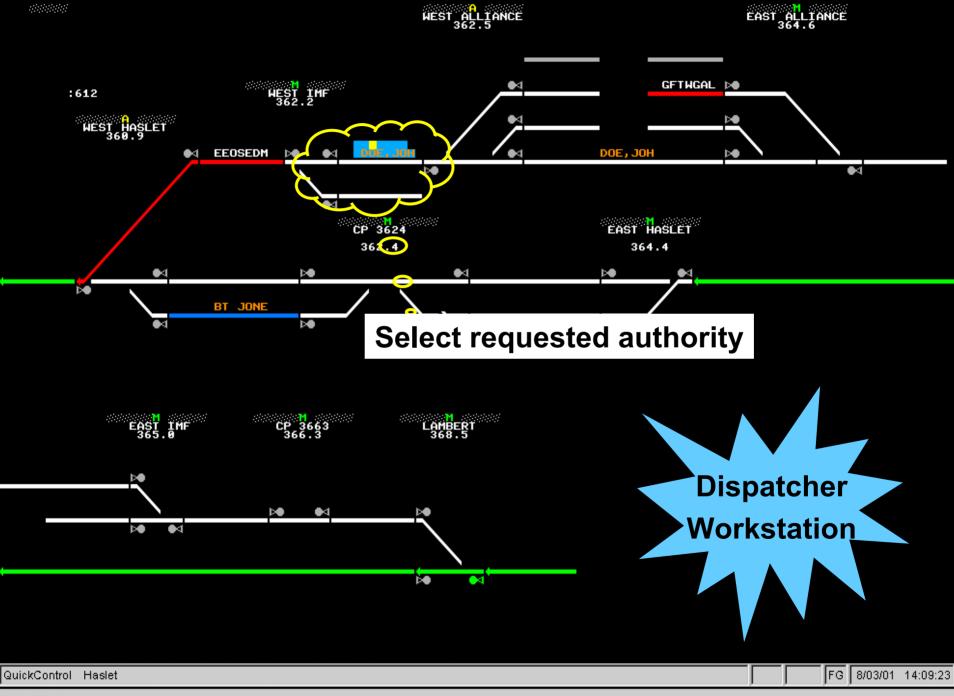


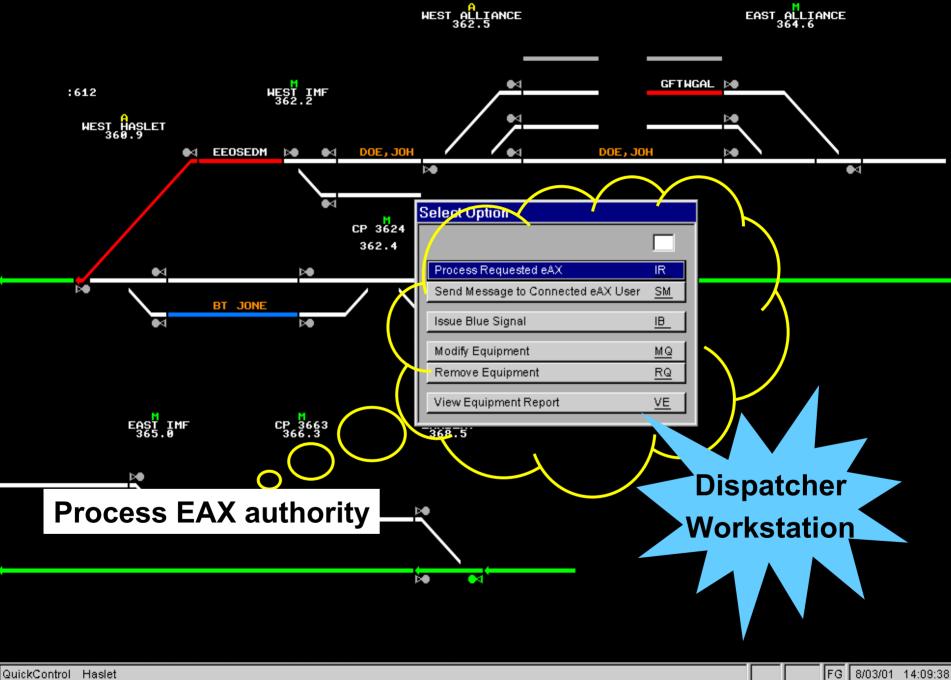


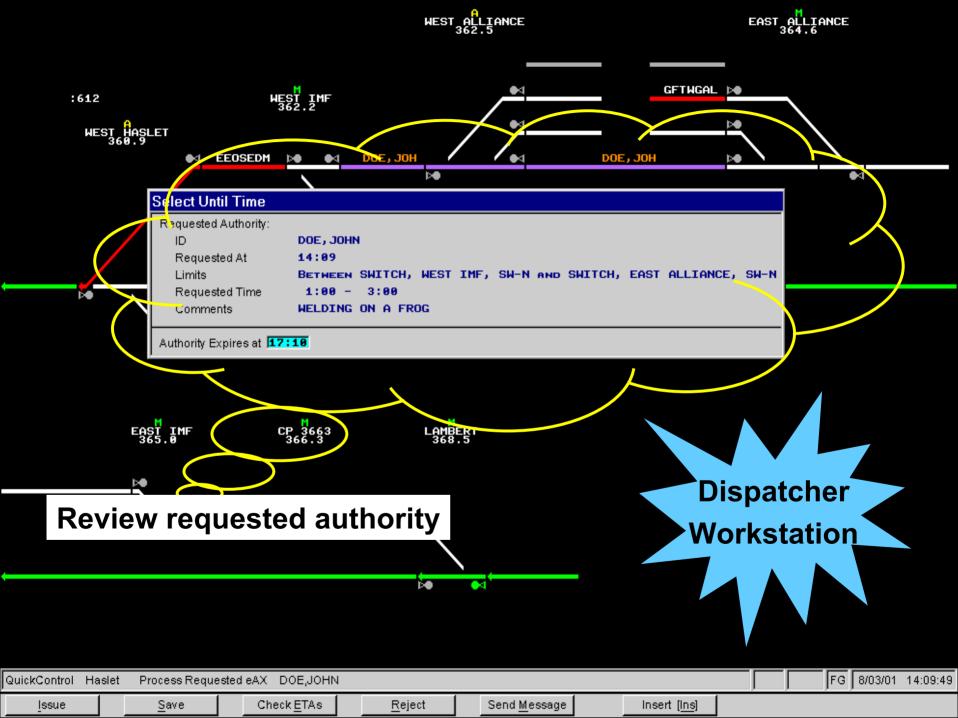


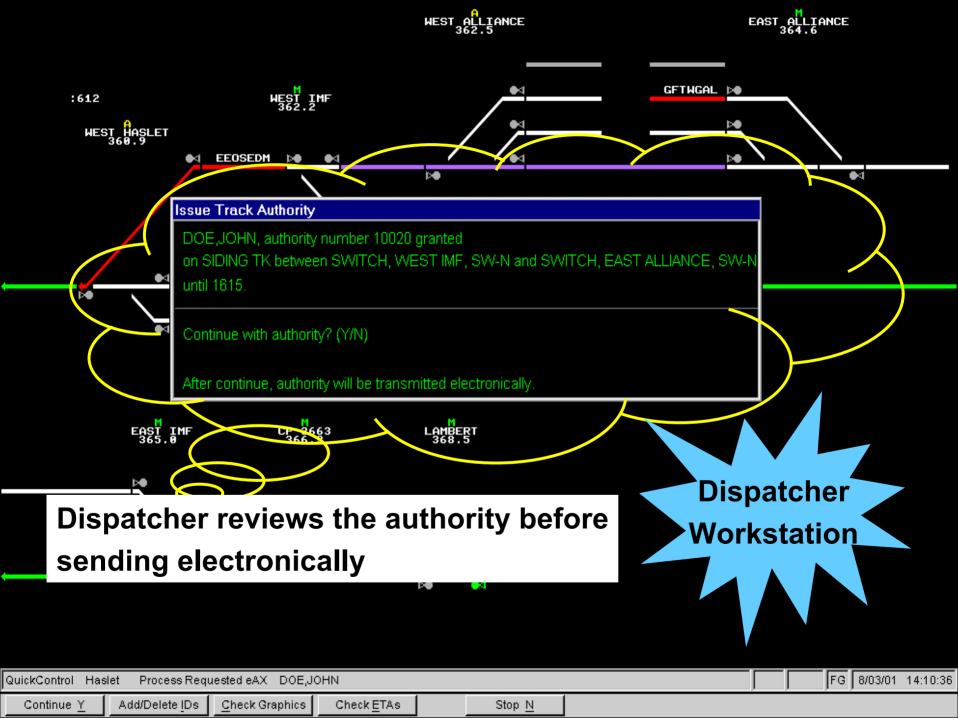


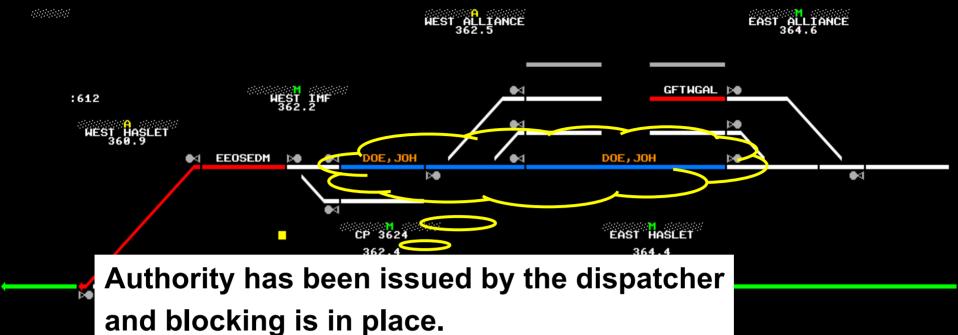


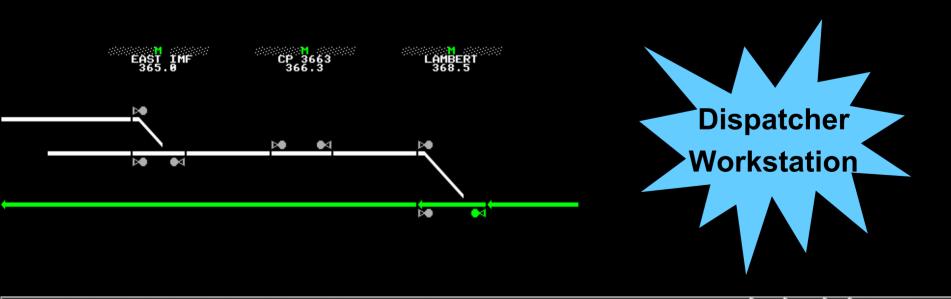




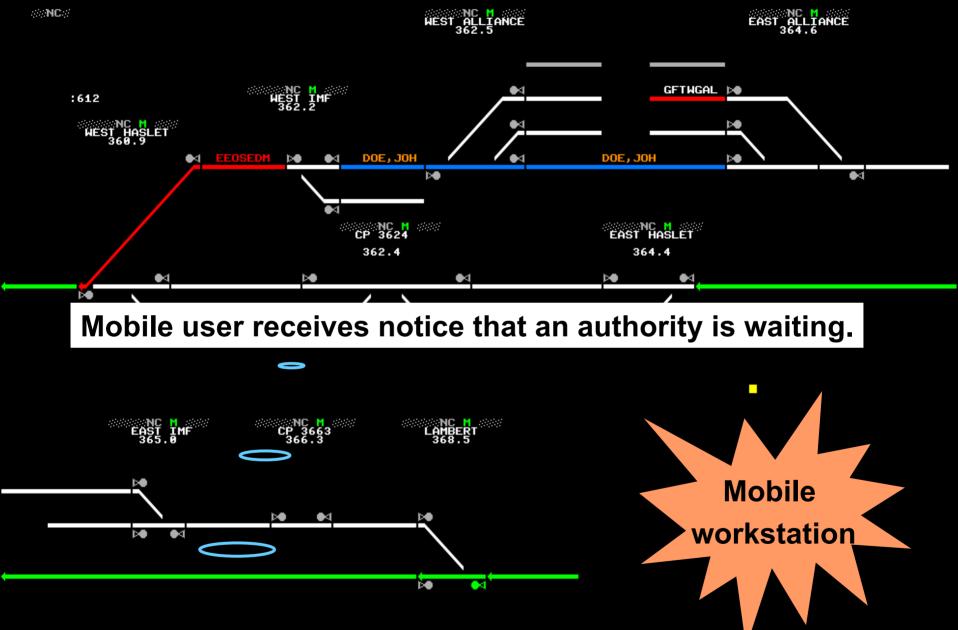




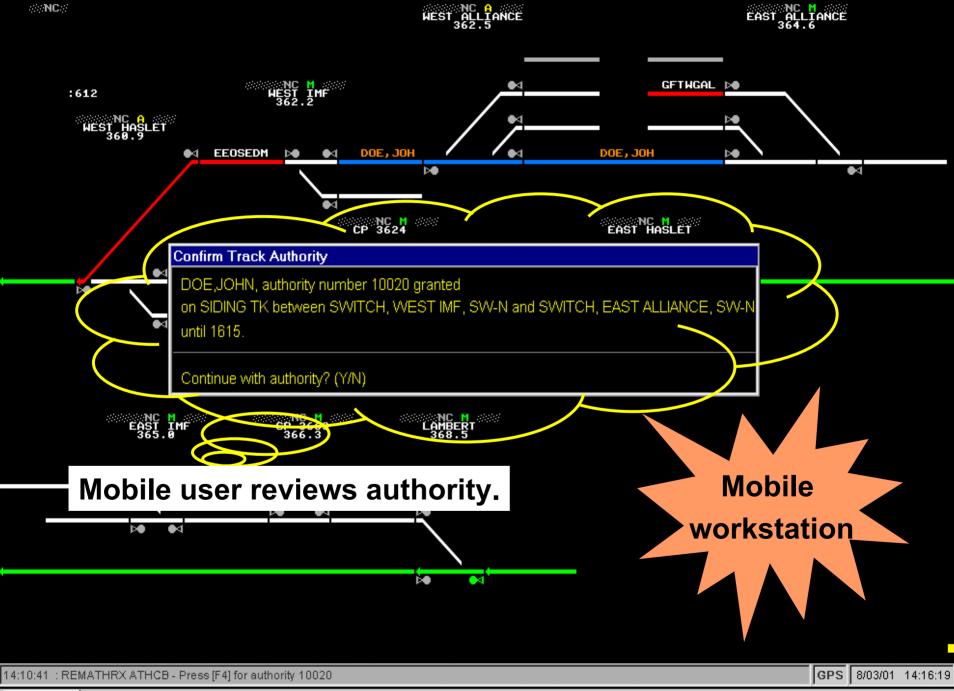


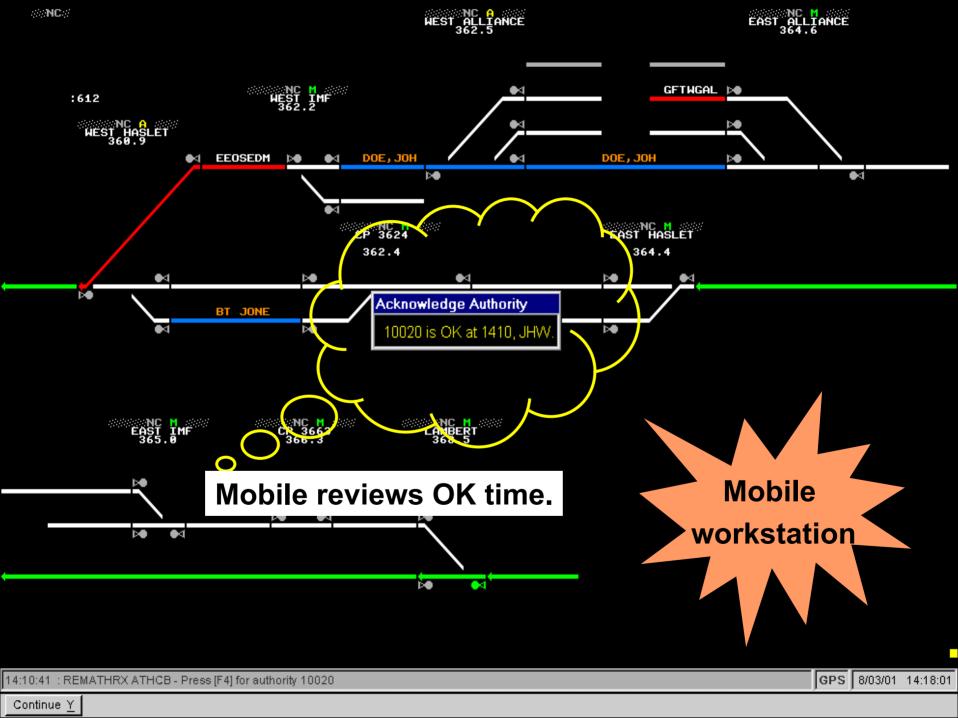


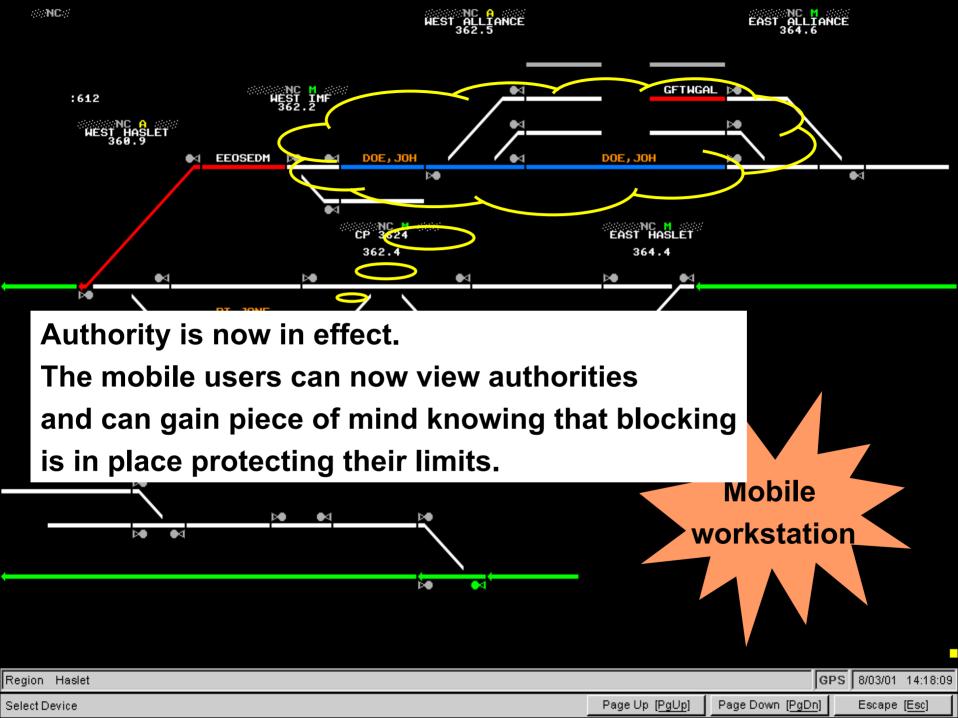
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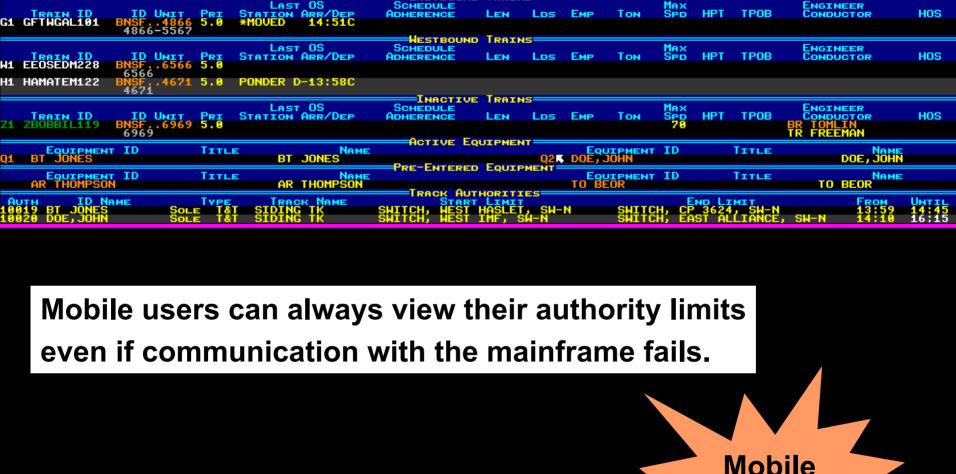


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TABULAR OVERVIEW

Eastbound Trains

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Haslet 5

Saginaw 4

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Digital Traffic Control/5

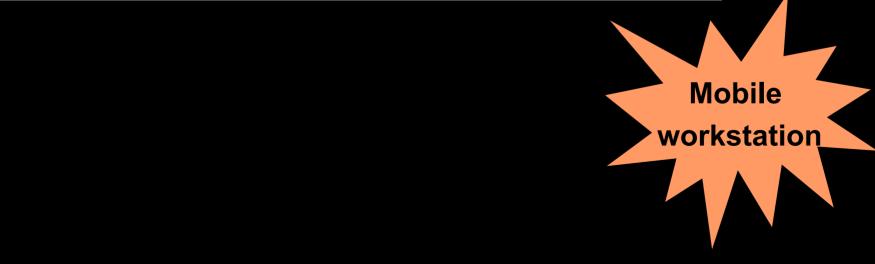
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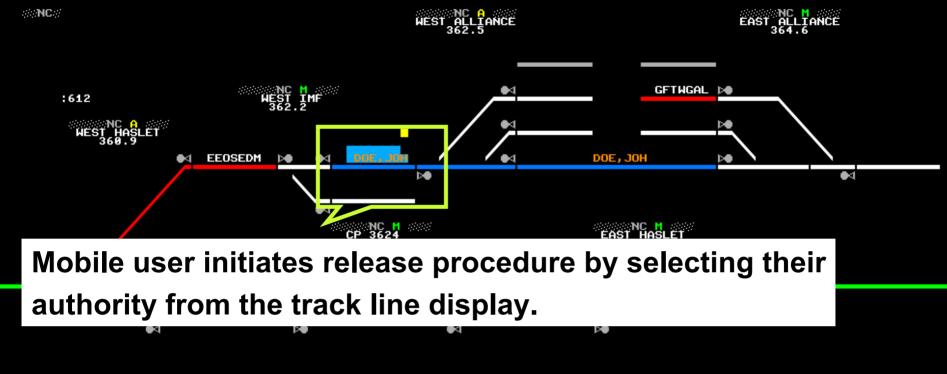
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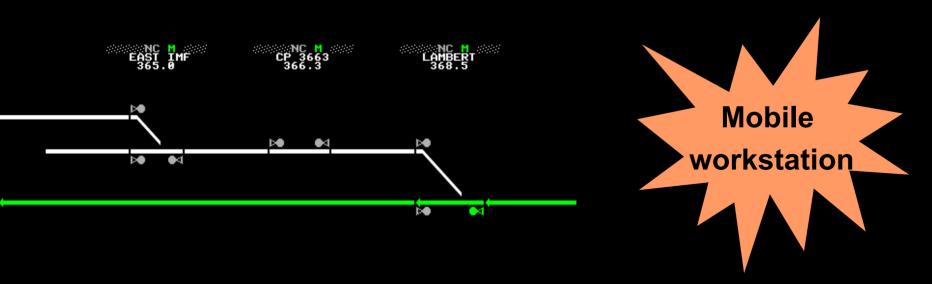
Regions



Pendleton 1

Rio Vista 2



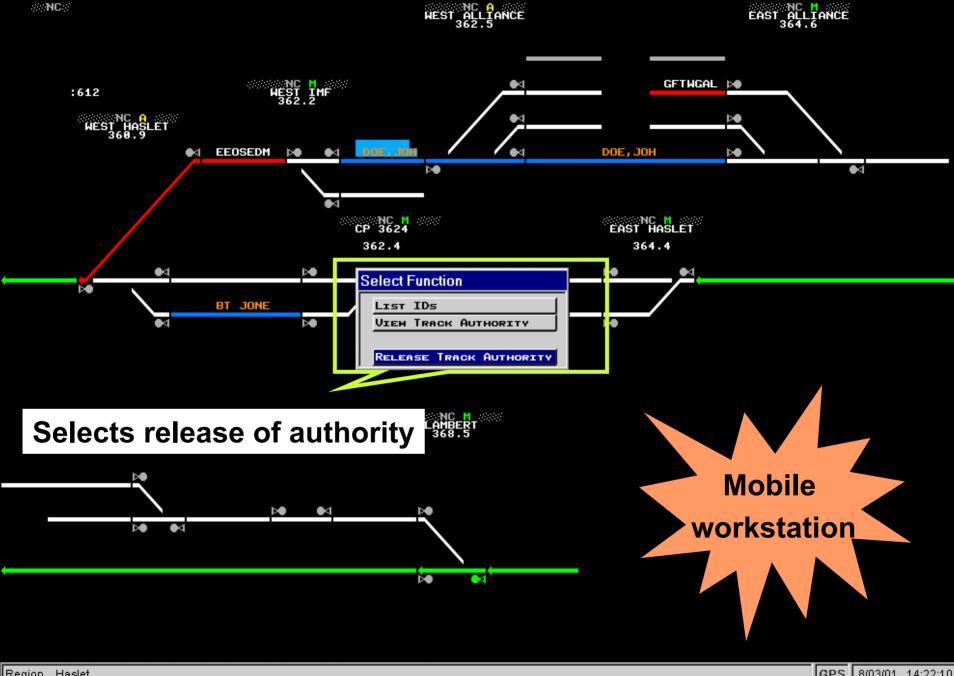


Region Haslet | GPS | 8/03/01 14:22:03

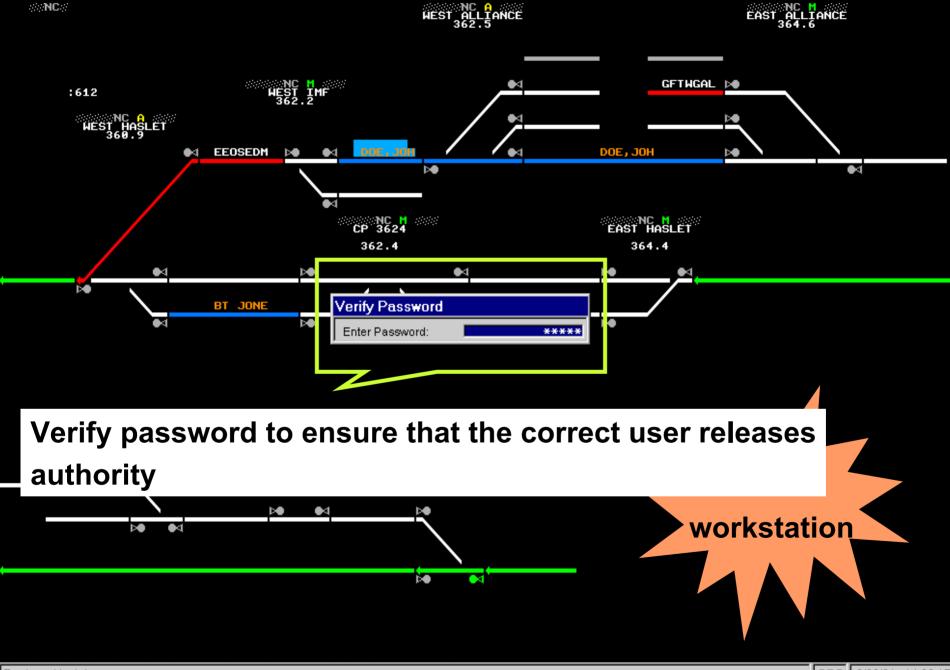
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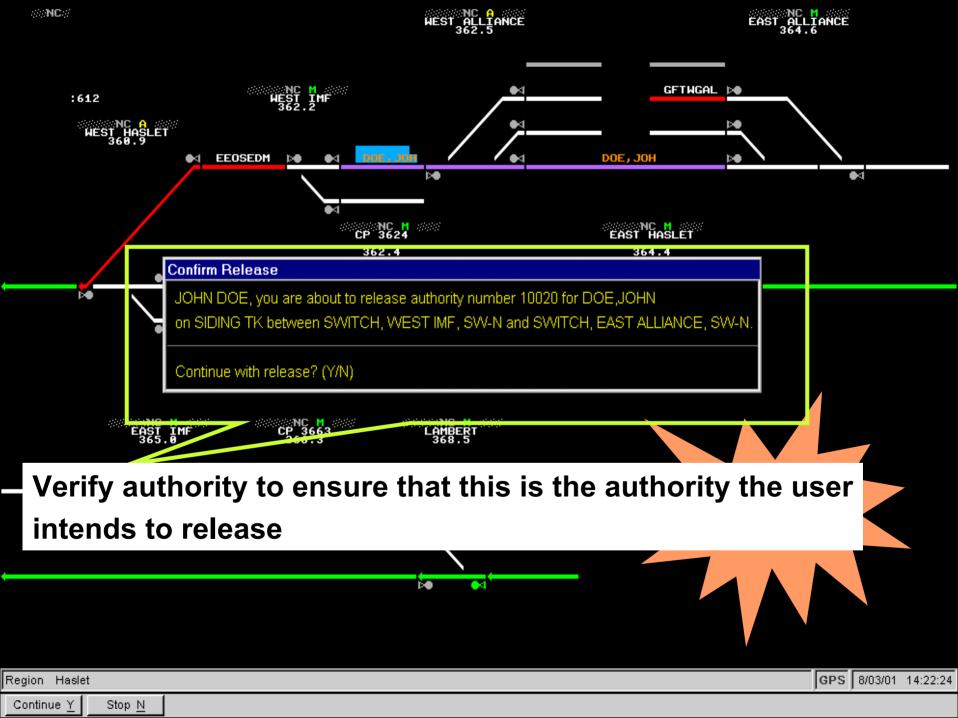
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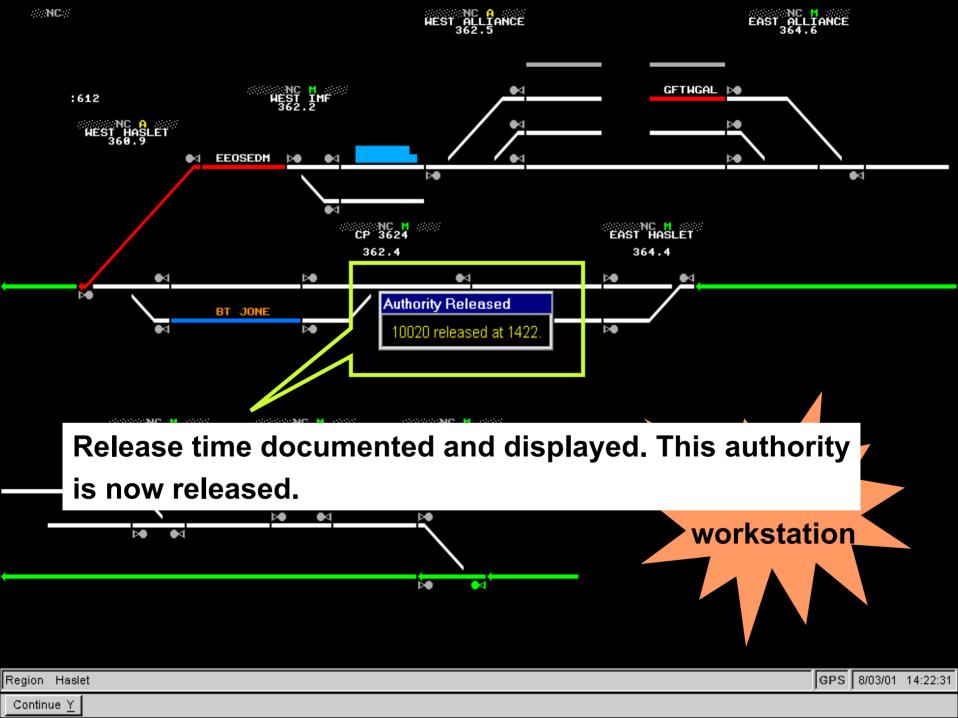
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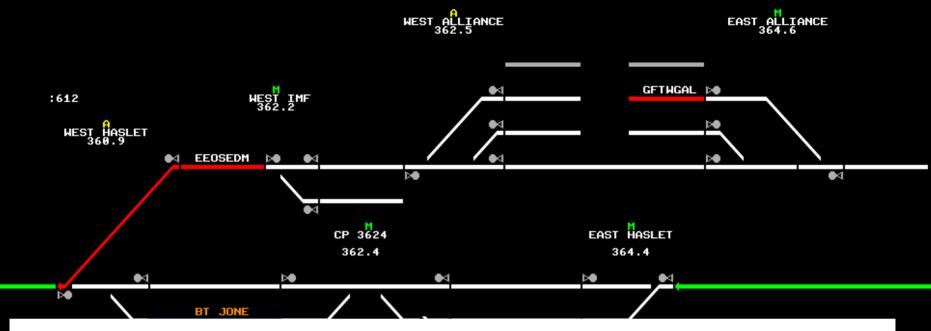


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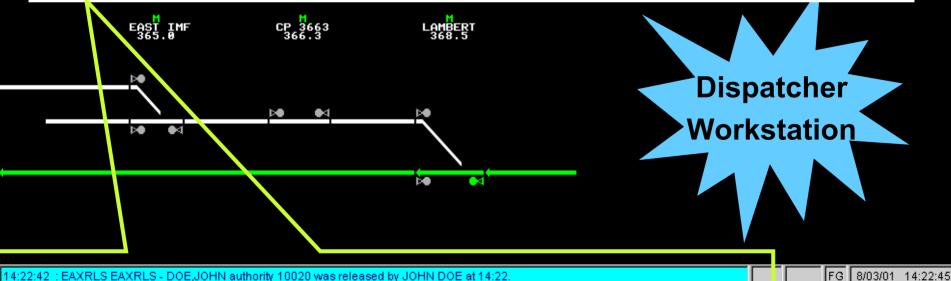




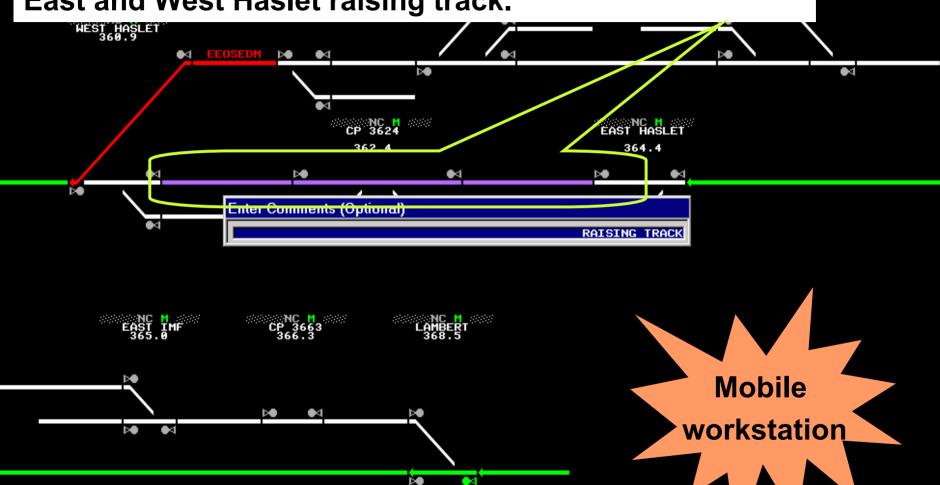




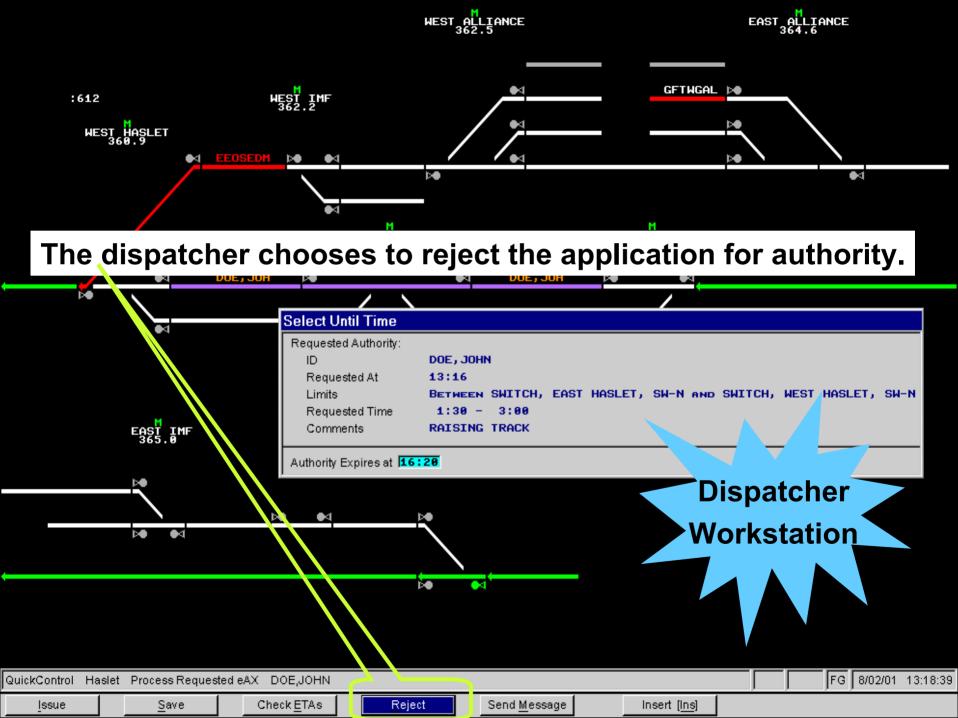
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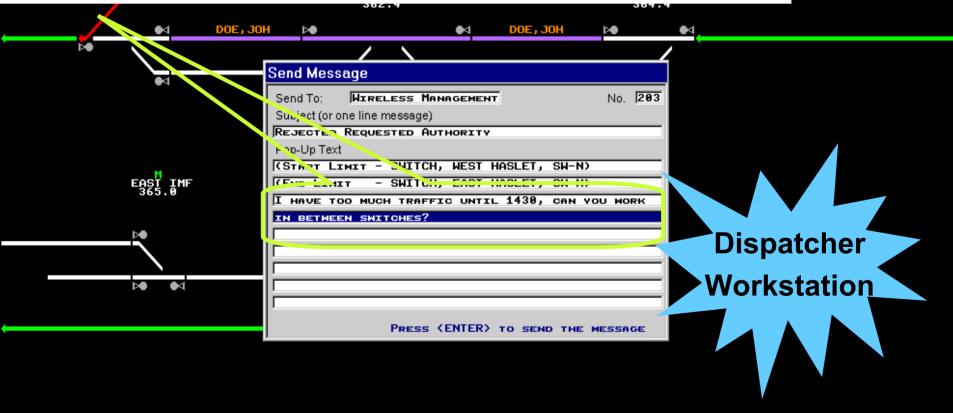


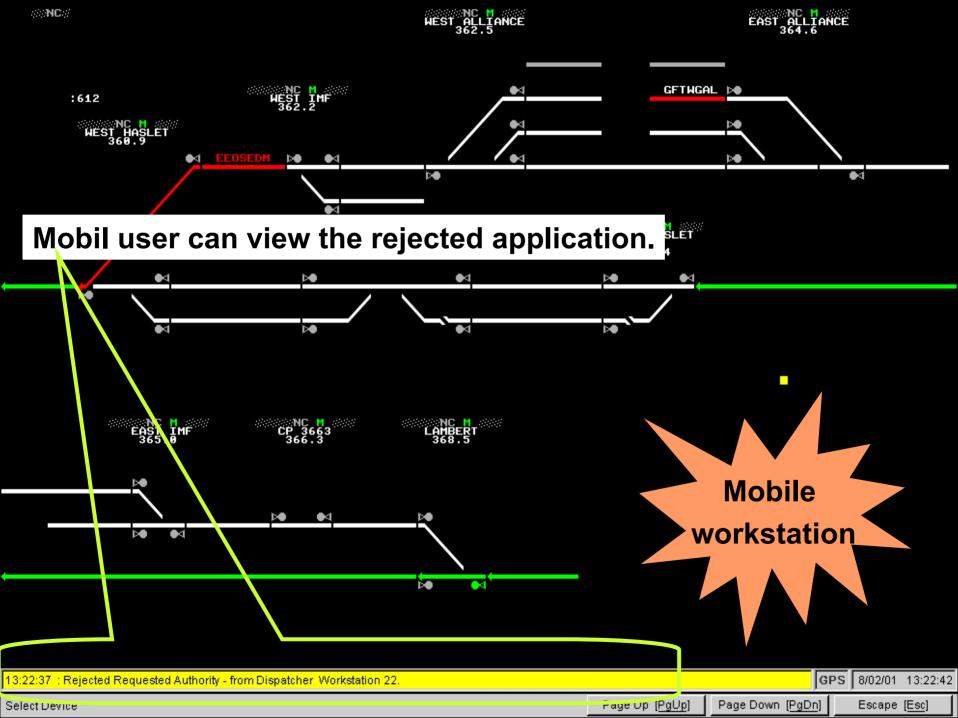
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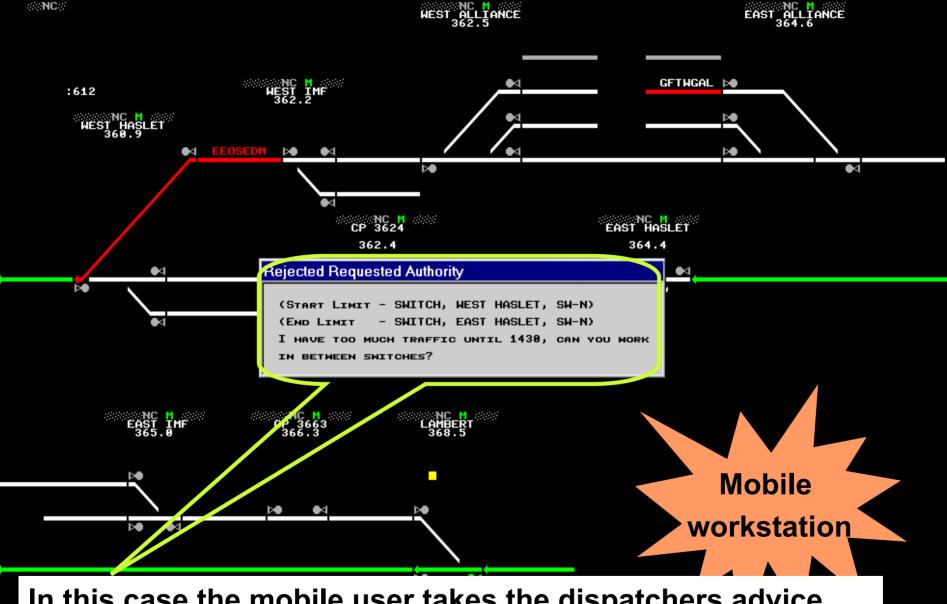




The dispatcher can send a message to the mobile user.



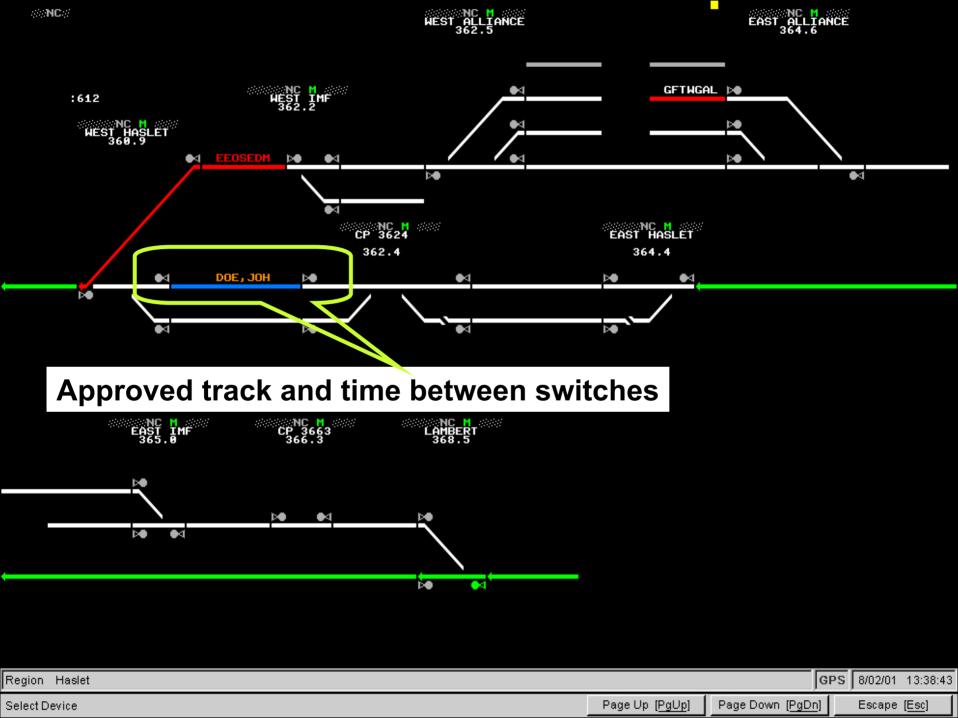


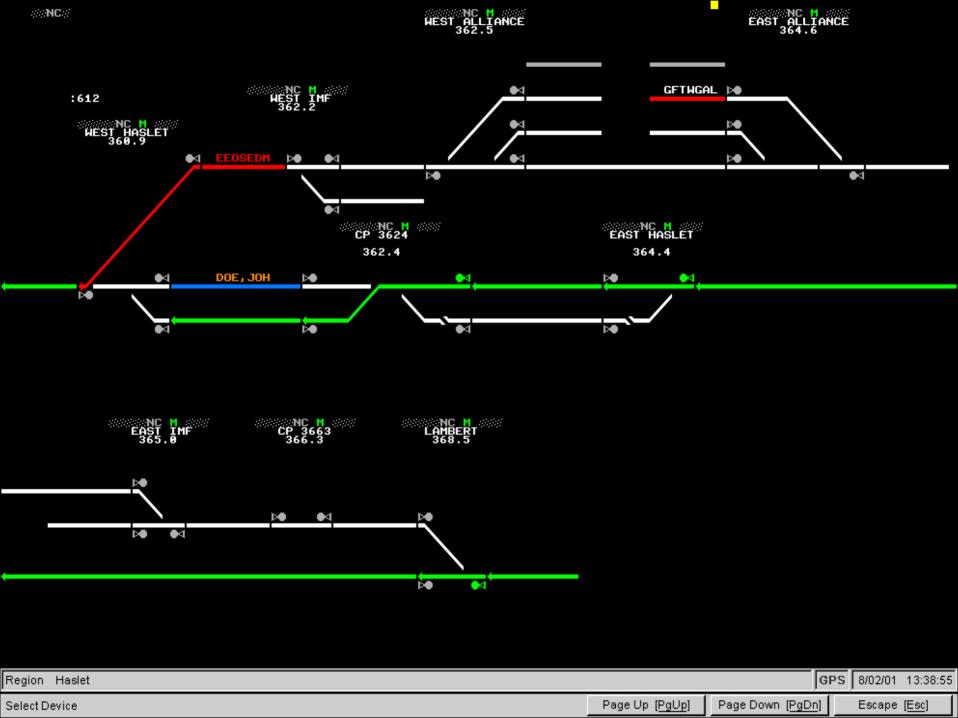


In this case the mobile user takes the dispatchers advice and makes another request to work between switches which is approved.

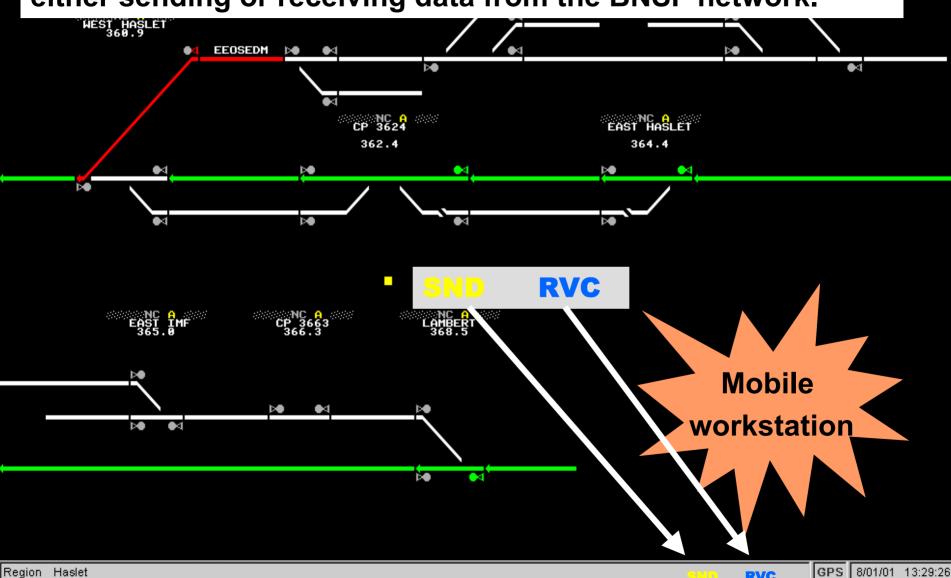
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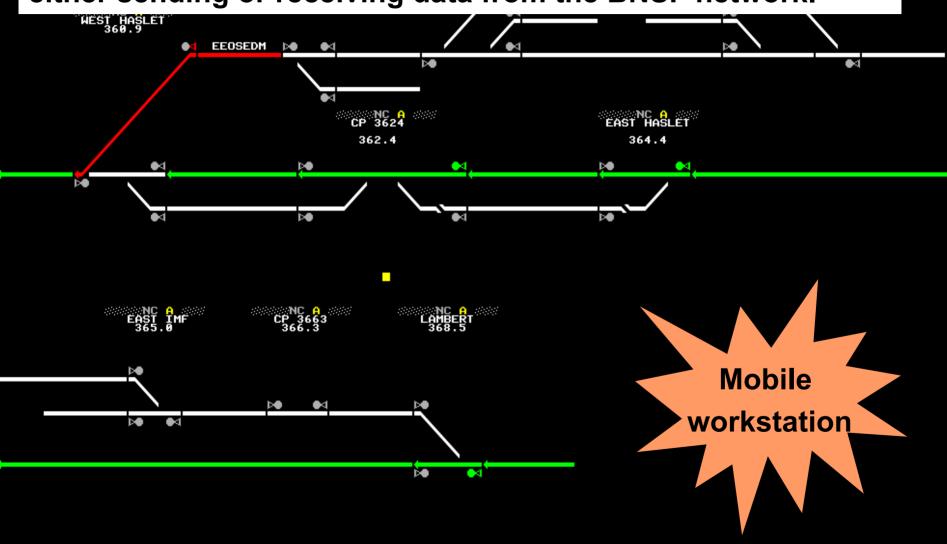




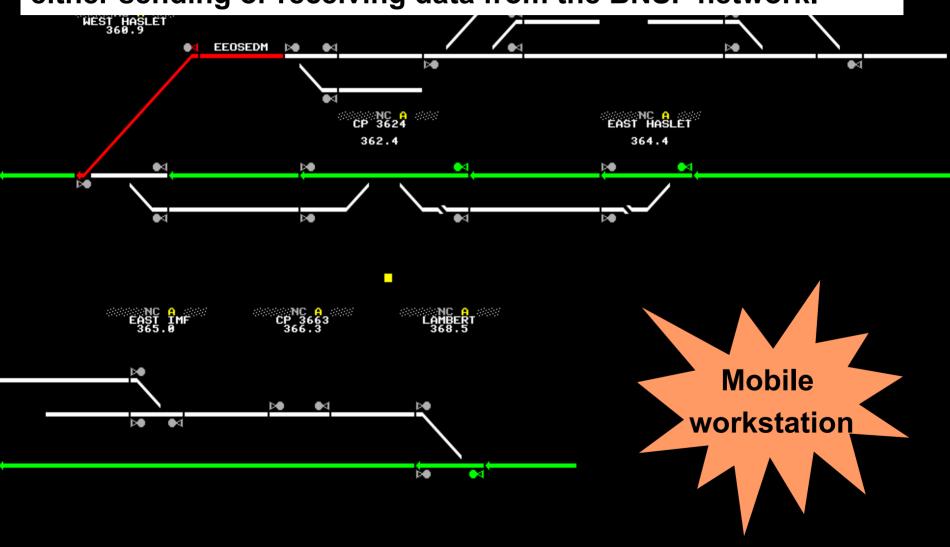
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When the laptop is no longer communicating with the BNSF network the SND/RVC section will show **Disconnect**. After about 4 minutes the laptop track line display will indicate Code Brown.

GAINESVILLE

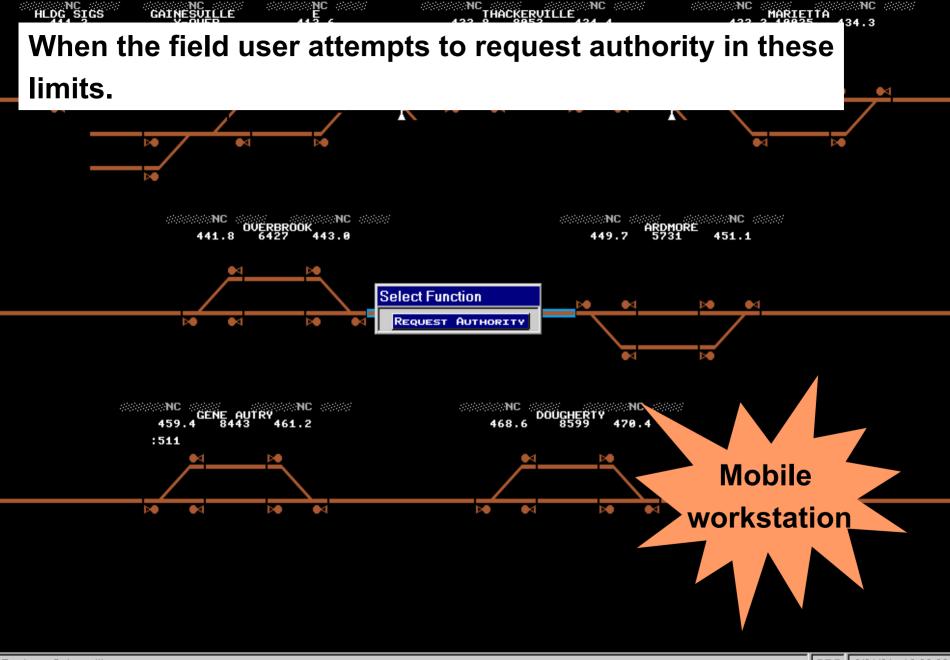
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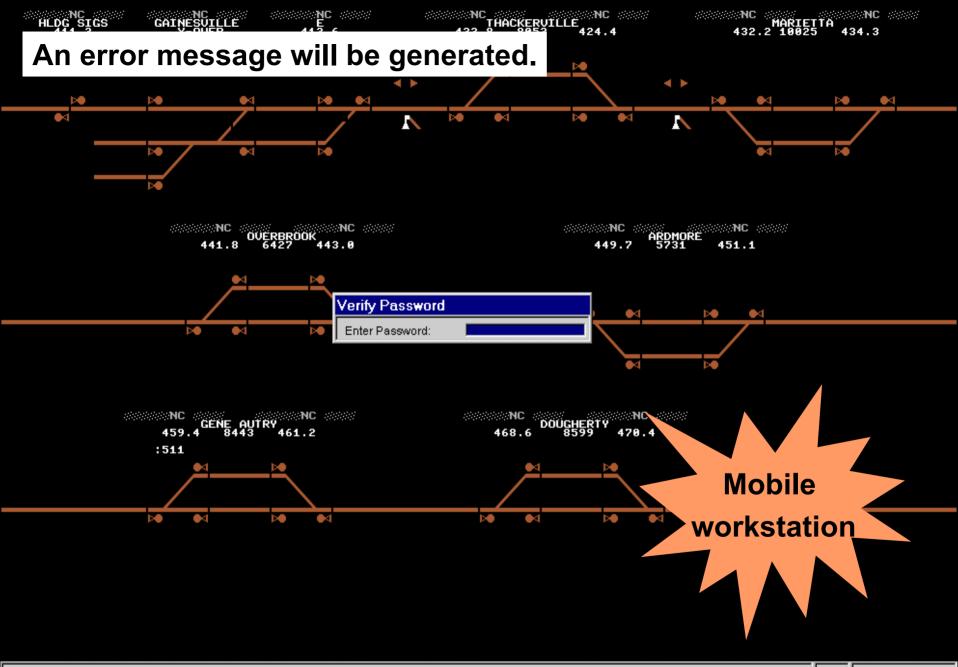
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